(d) what was the experience required for these posts at the initial constitution of these services/posts; and

(e) whether there is any change or relaxation in experience and educational qualifications now; if so, what is the change and the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) (i) MBBS

(ii) PG qualification

(iii) 5 years regular service as Specialist Grade-I.

(d) As per CHS Rules-1966, vacancies in Super Time Grade-I were filled on recommendations of a Departmental Promotion Committee by promotion on the basis of merit with due regard to:

(i) seniority of officers holding posts in Super Time Grade-II who had rendered not less than six years of service in that category; and

(ii) the qualifications and experience requisite for the vacancy to be filled up.

(e) Yes, Sir. It is proposed to reduce the period of regular service from five years to three years for promotion from Specialist Grade-I to Super Time Grade as per revised guidelines, regarding promotions from posts carrying pay scale of Rs. 4500—5700 to posts carrying pay scale of Rs. 5900—6700.

Posts Lying Vacant in DGHS

1467. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many posts at higher level are lying vacant in the D.G.H.S.;

(b) whether it is affecting the health programmes of Government;

(c) the details of the vacant posts and the number of vacant posts in the grade of Additional D.G.H.S.;

(d) what are the reasons for not filling up of these posts; and

(e) the action taken by the D.G.H.S./ Ministry for filling up these posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Four posts *viz.*; two posts of Additional Director General of Health Service, and one post each of Deputy Director (General) (Leprosy) and Deputy Director General (Rural Health Service) are lying vacant in Directorate General of Health Services. However, vacant posts of Additional Director General are being operated at the level of Super Time Grade Officers. The post of Deputy Director General (Leprosy) is also filled at the level of Specialist Grade I.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) As at (a) above.

(d) and (e) The posts of Additional Director General of Health Services have not been filled up so far due to non-finalisation of amendment of Central Health Service Rules, 1982 and seniority issue relating to a few eligible officers. Expeditious action will be taken for filling up these posts after these issues are settled. The process of filling up the posts of Deputy Director General (Leprosy) and Deputy Director General (Rural Health Service) is at an advanced stage.

Departmental Promotions Committee for Filling Posts in DGHS

1468. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Departmental Promotion Committee for filling up the posts of level II and level I officers of D.G.H.S.